

# Maryland State Highway Administration National Scenic Byways Program Funds FY11 INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS

*Deadline for Preliminary Applications is January 12th, 2011*

*NOTE: No firm date for FHWA submission has been posted – this application is for determining the level of interest in this year's FHWA Scenic Byway Program Grant, for helping potential applicants to begin the process of organizing their application and for determining priorities for the state application.*

## **Section A. – Project Sponsor: (Person/agency managing project)\***

Sponsor Name:		E-Mail:	
Agency/ Group:			
Phone:		FAX:	
Street:		Room	
City:	State: MD	Zip Code:	
Name of Proposed Project Manager (PRIMARY CONTACT):			
Contact Information if Different from Above: Telephone and email:			

*Please provide information about the sponsoring organizations capacity to implement the project*

## **Section B. General Project Information**

Project Name:
Scenic Byway(s) Name & Route #:
Project Location: County(s) & Region in State ( <i>attach map or sequential maps if a long project</i> ) NOTE: for constructed projects evidence of control of property (outright ownership by sponsor or permanent easement obtained by sponsor) <b>must be submitted with preliminary application.</b>
Project Category: see <a href="http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/application/information/categories">http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/application/information/categories</a> for descriptions:  <input type="checkbox"/> Byway Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Corridor Management <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Byway Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Information <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing

(see [http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/application/information/before\\_you\\_begin](http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/application/information/before_you_begin))

## **Section C. – Project Summary (1-page maximum)**

*Clearly, concisely, and completely summarize what will be accomplished; the relationship of the proposed project to the byway, to the intrinsic qualities supporting the byway's designation and to other projects currently planned or underway along the byway (especially those identified in the byway's corridor management plan); and the benefits to byway travelers.*

**Section D. – Response to Administrative Criteria (1 page maximum)**

*The purpose of this section is to help the sponsor to better position the grant application for selection based on the Administrative Criteria that FHWA utilizes to aid in their grant selection. Using brief declarative statements indicate how your project addresses the following seven of the ten administrative criteria*

**Livability****Greatest Strategic Benefits****Maryland Priorities for 2011 and Projects Meeting Critical Needs**

*Indicate how the project addresses Maryland's FY 2011 priorities listed on the next page.*

**Project Benefits to the Byway Traveler****Funding Expenditures**

*According to FHWA, byways showing greater progress toward the completion of prior approved projects are considered better candidates for project selection. Please indicate your track record regarding completion of prior approved projects by listing the names of outstanding projects, percent complete and estimated completion date*

**Projects Ready to Implement**

*Please indicate how the sponsoring organization intends to finance the cash flow for the project (National Scenic Byways Program funds are provided on a reimbursement basis)*

**Leverage of Private or Other Public Funding (see Factor 4)**

*Please indicate how the sponsor intends to meet the 20% matching requirement for the grant. In determining Maryland's priorities for the state submittal, additional points will be provided for those projects whose matching levels are greater than 20%*

**Cost Breakdown**

#	Description	Total	Cost	Requested Match
	Administrative Costs (5-15%)			
	Total			

Matching Funds

Source	Type	Description	Amount
Total			

**Submission and Review Process**

**Statements of Intent to Apply should be submitted to the Maryland Scenic Byways Program at SHA by January 12, 2011.** In early February, the State Byway Advisory Committee will meet to review projects. After the review, sponsors will receive information back regarding the current year's rankings based on priorities for funding. Information will also be provided on how to make your grant application more competitive. The sponsor will then be eligible to complete the National Scenic Byway application, which will be located at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) in the Spring of 2011.

**Maryland's FY 2011 Funding Priorities and Critical Needs for Byway Program Grants**

- Existing state byway desiring to prepare a corridor management plan (note a single corridor planning grant for multiple byways for the state is anticipated)
- Projects that are intended to build strong regional partnerships among jurisdictions, heritage areas, or related state agencies to manage, interpret, or market the byway and that are consistent with the Maryland Byways Market Study
- Projects that conserve or preserve vulnerable byway related resources through effective partnering with non-governmental organizations (e.g. land trusts, statewide or regional historic preservation organizations, etc.)

Additional priority will be given to those projects that have the greatest potential for funding from FHWA based on the following:

- Projects that demonstrate a value-added livability component in addition to its relationship to the byway and the byway traveler
- Projects that demonstrate that they provide the greatest strategic benefit to the National Scenic Byway Program and/or Maryland's Scenic Byway Program

**Typical Scenic Byway Funding Cycle – step by step**

Preliminary Statement of Interest Submitted by Sponsor	January 12th, 2011
Comments returned to sponsors/FHWA application avail.	February 2011 (anticipated)
FHWA Applications Due to Maryland SHA	March 2011 (anticipated)
FHWA Grant Announcements and Funding Availability	Fall 2011 (varies greatly)

**Options for Submission of Statement of Intent**

(2 pages maximum of text plus a location map)

**1. Internet/E-mail**

- Complete the form on your computer and save the file on your computer.
- Email the file as an attachment to: Terry Maxwell, [tmaxwell@sha.state.md.us](mailto:tmaxwell@sha.state.md.us)

**2. U.S. Mail**

- Complete the form by hand OR complete it on your computer and print out a hard copy.
- Mail printed form to Terry Maxwell at Maryland Scenic Byways, State Highway Administration, 707 N Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

**4. Hand-Deliver**

- Complete the form by hand OR complete it on your computer and print out a hard copy and deliver.